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**Amendment No. 1 to HB1697**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1848**

**House Bill No. 1697\***

By deleting in its entirety Section 11 of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-206, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 63-22-206.

(a) Until January 1, 2006, applicants who fulfill at least one (1) of the following conditions shall be entitled to receive a license as a licensed clinical pastoral therapist:

(1) Hold current certification as a clinical pastoral therapist. Such certification must be lawfully issued by the board and not be suspended or revoked;

(2) Document satisfaction of the requirements of § 63-22-203(1)-(4) only;

(3) Document current active status as a fellow or diplomate of AAPC and being actively engaged in the practice of pastoral psychotherapy for at least five (5) years prior to January 1, 2003; or

(4) Document having received a graduate theological degree from a recognized educational institution and being currently licensed in Tennessee as a psychologist designated as a health service provider, a professional counselor designated as a mental health service provider, a marital and family therapist, a clinical social worker, or an alcohol and drug abuse counselor, and, in addition, document being actively engaged

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in the practice of clinical pastoral therapy for at least five (5) years prior to  
January 1, 2003.

(b) Persons who qualify for licensure as a clinical pastoral therapist pursuant to  
this section shall provide satisfactory proof to the board of such qualification. The board  
shall issue a license as a licensed clinical pastoral therapist to those persons who meet  
the qualifications of subsection (a) and who submit required proof of such qualifications.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new sections to precede the effective  
date section:

SECTION \_\_\_\_ Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-201, is amended by  
adding a new item to be appropriately designated:

( ) "Licensed clinical pastoral therapist" means a person who has met the  
qualifications for a licensed clinical pastoral therapist and who holds a current,  
unsuspended or unrevoked license that has been issued lawfully by the board;

SECTION \_\_\_\_ Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 22, Part 2, is  
amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 63-22-207. A person who is certified as a certified clinical  
pastoral therapist upon the effective date of this act shall be issued a license as a  
licensed clinical pastoral therapist when such person's certification is renewed or  
upon request of such person before the expiration of such person's current  
certification.